

# **Gary Parks and Recreation**

## **Master Plan Survey**

The City of Gary Parks & Recreation Department would like your input to help determine parks and recreation priorities for its new five-year master plan. This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and is scheduled to remain open until Monday, April 10, 2023.

The results of this survey will be used to guide the Parks and Recreation Department in the management, operation, and development of park assets for years to come.

Your participation is valued and appreciated!

This master planning process is being conducted  
by the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University.

1. Do you live within the Gary city limits?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. If you selected "Yes" to #1 above, which area of Gary do you live in?

☐ North side

☐ South side

☐ East side

☐ West side

☐ I'm not sure

3. If you selected "Yes" to #1 above, how long have you lived in Gary?

☐ Less than one year

☐ 1-5 years

☐ 6-10 years

☐ 11-15 years

☐ 16 or more years

4. Including yourself, please select how many people are in your household according to the following age groups?

\_\_\_\_\_ Under age 5

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 20-24

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 55-64

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 5-9

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 25-34

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 65-74

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 10-14

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 35-44

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 75+

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 15-19

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages 45-54

5. From the following list of Gary parks, please identify how often you or a member of your household used each park over the past year.

	Did not visit	1-5 visits	6-10 visits	11-20 visits	More than 20 visits
<b>Brunswick Park</b> - 700 Clark Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Glen Ryan Park</b> - 4220 E. 6th Pl.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Howe Park</b> - 3901 Vermont St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Ironwood Park</b> - 1119 E. 24th Ave.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Marquette Park</b> - 1 North Grand Boulevard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Roosevelt Park</b> - 2145 Harrison Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Tolleston Park</b> - 1709 Ellsworth Pl.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. For any parks that you and members of your household have not used, please indicate whether or not you were aware the park existed.

	Aware of park but do not use	Unaware park existed	My household uses this park
<b>Brunswick Park -</b> 700 Clark Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Glen Ryan Park-</b> 4220 E. 6th Pl.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Howe Park-</b> 3901 Vermont St.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Ironwood Park-</b> 1119 E. 24th Ave.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Marquette Park - 1</b> North Grand Boulevard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Roosevelt Park-</b> 2145 Harrison Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Tolleston Park -</b> 1709 Ellsworth Pl.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Please check any of the following circumstances that prevent you from using parks or attending programs within parks as often as you would like.

- ☐ Lack of time
  - ☐ Parks are too far away
  - ☐ Health/mobility concerns
  - ☐ Safety/wellness concerns
  - ☐ Inadequate/poorly maintained facilities
  - ☐ Don't know where parks are
  - ☐ Lack of access for people with disabilities
  - ☐ Lack of money
  - ☐ Don't know about programs
  - ☐ Lack of nearby bus route
  - ☐ No park, trail, or recreational facility within a 10-minute walk from my house
  - ☐ Personal health problem
  - ☐ Programs offered are not interesting to me
  - ☐ Other (please list):  

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  - ☐ None of these apply to me
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8. From the following list of Gary parks, please rate the condition of each of the parks that you and members of your household have used during the past year.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Didn't use/Don't Know
Brunswick Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Glen Ryan Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Howe Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ironwood Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marquette Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roosevelt Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tolleston Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. For any park or trail you rated "Fair" or lower, please describe how you would improve the park/trail.

	How can the Park or Greenway be improved to better meet your satisfaction?
Brunswick Park	
Glen Ryan Park	
Howe Park	
Ironwood Park	
Marquette Park	
Roosevelt Park	
Tolleston Park	

10. Please indicate if you or members of your household have used any of the recreation facilities offered by the City of Gary listed below in the past year. If you or members of your

household have used a facility in the past year, please indicate how important the facility is to your family's recreational needs.



	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Did Not Use
<b>a.</b> Ambridge Mann Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>b.</b> Baseball Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>c.</b> Basketball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>d.</b> Brunswick Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>e.</b> Brunswick Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>f.</b> Disc Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>g.</b> Glen Ryan Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>h.</b> Green Space/ Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>i.</b> Howe Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>j.</b> Hudson- Campbell Fitness Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>k.</b> Ironwood Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>l.</b> Marquette Park Pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>m.</b> Oak Savanna Woodlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>n.</b> Outdoor Skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Did Not Use

<b>o. Playgrounds</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>p. Pool</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>q. Restrooms</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>r. Shelter Houses</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>s. Softball Fields</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>t. Tennis Courts</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>u. Tolleston Pavilion</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>v. Walking Trails (within parks)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Which **THREE** facilities from the previous question (Question 10) have you or members of your household used the most during the past year?

Most: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a – v)

2<sup>nd</sup> Most: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a – v)

3<sup>rd</sup> Most: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a – v)

12. From the list in Question 10, which **THREE** facilities contribute the most to your health?

Most: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a – v)

2<sup>nd</sup> Most: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a – v)

3<sup>rd</sup> Most: \_\_\_\_\_ (enter a – v)

13. Below is a list of recreation FACILITIES and AMENITIES. Some of the resources are currently provided by the City of Gary; others are not. Please rate how important you it is to YOU for Gary to INCREASE availability to the facilities and amenities listed below.

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Accessible Facilities (for people with disabilities)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Archery Range	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields (Indoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields (Multipurpose)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields (Soccer)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletic Fields (Softball/Baseball)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike Racks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike Paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courts (Basketball)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courts (Pickleball)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courts (Tennis)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc Golf Courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driving Range (Golf)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important

Environmental/Historical/Educational Displays	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Equestrian Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing Piers/Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness Equipment (along trails)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green Space/Open Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf Courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Habitat- Prairie/meadow	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Habitat- Forest/woodland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseshoe Pits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice Skating (outdoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilions- additional community events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilions- technology updates (i.e, wifi, audio/visual)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic Tables and BBQ Grills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pool (Outdoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important

Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roller skating (outdoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelters (open air)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelters (climate controlled)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Splash Pads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technology- based programming (drones, rockets, geocaching, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails (Paved)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails (Natural)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Have you or other members of your household participated in any recreation programs and services provided by Gary Parks & Recreation during the past year?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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15. If you selected “Yes” to Question 14, for each program listed below that you have used in the past year, please rate your level of satisfaction.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not satisfied
Adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult sports leagues, clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness, health, and wellness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature programs, environmental education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public events, festivals, picnics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior or older adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth sports leagues, programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth summer programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. If you HAVE NOT used the following sports or recreation programs in the past year, please indicate why not.

	Didn't know it existed	Too far way	Not interested	Dissatisfied with quality	Too expensive	Health reasons	Not relevant to me	Other
Adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult sports leagues/clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness, health, and wellness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature programs, environmental education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public events/festivals/picnics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior or older adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth sports leagues/programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth summer programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



17. Below is a list of sports and recreation PROGRAMS. Some are currently provided by the City of Gary; others are not. Please rate how important it is for YOU that Gary INCREASE availability to the programs listed below.

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Accessible programs (for people with disabilities)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult programs and day trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult sports leagues/clubs/programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After school programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts programming (indoors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business courses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carnivals for community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community classes/seminars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family Nights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' Market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Festivals/picnics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness, health, and wellness programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important

Gardening programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy cooking/nutrition programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Movies in the parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature programs/environmental education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs for people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs with your pets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior or older adult programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports programming (indoors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technology-based programs (drones, rockets, geocaching, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth sports leagues/programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth summer day camps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. The City of Gary Parks Department is interested in increasing use of local trails. What can the Parks Department do to best increase use of the local trails at Brunswick Park and Marquette Park? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Offer guided tours of the trails
- ☐ Update or renovate the trails
- ☐ Provide visual maps at parks with trails
- ☐ More information on Parks Department website
- ☐ Something else (please indicate):  
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19. In the past year, have you or a member of your family used any of the services provided by the Youth Services Bureau?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. If you selected "Yes" to Question 19, which of the following services provided by the Youth Services Bureau have you or a member of your family used in the past year? Select all that

apply.

- ☐ ABC Mouse
- ☐ IXI
- ☐ After school tutoring
- ☐ Gardening activities
- ☐ Boxing classes
- ☐ Nature/environmental education
- ☐ Dance and performing arts
- ☐ Field trips
- ☐ Youth employment programming
- ☐ Summer camps

21. For those services you had used in the past year (indicated in Question 20), how satisfied are you with the following services provided by the Youth Services Bureau?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
ABC Mouse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
IXI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After school tutoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gardening activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boxing classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature/environmental education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dance and performing arts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Field trips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth employment programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer camps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. If the city were to increase parks-related programming during the winter, how important would YOU rate the following potential programs?

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Ice skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organized sledding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter farmer's market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter hikes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. In general, if additional funding were available for the City of Gary to fund parks and trails, how would you allocate the funding among the competing categories below?

Enter as much or as little as you wish, but please make your total allocation equal 100%.

Maintaining existing parks and trails : \_\_\_\_\_

Renovating the grounds, facilities, and amenities in existing parks and trails : \_\_\_\_\_

Facilitating/Providing additional recreation programs to the community : \_\_\_\_\_

Acquiring new land : \_\_\_\_\_

Increasing natural areas (streams, open spaces, green spaces, or forests) : \_\_\_\_\_

Constructing new walking and biking trails : \_\_\_\_\_

Constructing new parks : \_\_\_\_\_

Conservation efforts/habitat management : \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Please describe.) : \_\_\_\_\_

Total : \_\_\_\_\_

24. Please select all of the ways that you CURRENTLY learn about Gary Parks & Recreation services and programs within the parks.

- ☐ City of Gary website
  - ☐ From friends and neighbors
  - ☐ Flyers/posters at parks and rec facilities
  - ☐ Conversations with parks and rec staff
  - ☐ Social media
  - ☐ Newspaper articles
  - ☐ Blogs
  - ☐ Parks and Rec Department e-mail bulletins
  - ☐ Newspaper advertisements
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ I do not receive any information
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25. Please select all of the ways that you WOULD PREFER to learn about Gary Parks & Recreation services and programs within the parks.

- ☐ City of Gary website
- ☐ From friends and neighbors
- ☐ Conversations with parks and rec staff
- ☐ Park Board Meetings
- ☐ Community Meetings
- ☐ Flyers/posters at parks and rec facilities
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Newspaper articles
- ☐ Blogs
- ☐ Parks and Rec Department e-mail bulletins
- ☐ Newspaper advertisements
- ☐ Seasonal program guide
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Television
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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26. The following are some of the benefits that you, members of your household, or the community in general may receive from parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, and services. For each potential benefit, please indicate your level of agreement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Enhance community appearance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help attract new residents and businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help reduce crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve diet and nutrition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve mental health and reduce stress	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve physical health and fitness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve social connections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase opportunities for people of different cultures to interact	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase property values in surrounding area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make Gary a more desirable place to live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Strengthen sense of community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve open space and the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote tourism in the county	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide access to the outdoors and nature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect the county's historical attributes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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27. How do you usually travel in order to visit the park facilities you visit the most?

- ☐ Bicycle, scooter, or non-motorized wheeled device
  - ☐ Car or other personal motorized vehicle
  - ☐ Public transport (e.g., bus)
  - ☐ Walk
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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28. Would you say that in general your health is:

- ☐ Excellent
  - ☐ Good
  - ☐ Fair
  - ☐ Poor
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29. During the past 30 days, for approximately how many days did your poor physical or mental health keep you from doing your usual activities, such as self-care, work, or recreation?

- ☐ 0-3 days
  - ☐ 4-7 days
  - ☐ 8-14 days
  - ☐ 15-21 days
  - ☐ 22-30 days
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The final four questions are optional. Your answers will be used to help us learn more about our park users, community members, and to help us create more equitable and inclusive offerings.

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30. What is your gender?

- ☐ Female
  - ☐ Male
  - ☐ Non-binary
  - ☐ Prefer not to answer
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31. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
  - ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
  - ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
  - ☐ Yes, Cuban
  - ☐ Yes, another Hispanic Latino or Spanish origin:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Prefer not to answer
-

32. What is your race? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
  - ☐ Asian
  - ☐ Black or African American
  - ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - ☐ White
  - ☐ Some Other Race:
- 

☐ Prefer not to answer

33. What is your household income?

- ☐ Under \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000-\$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000-\$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000-\$99,999
- ☐ \$100,00-\$199,999
- ☐ \$200,000 or more

## Conclusion

Thank you for completing this survey for the City of Gary's Park System Master Plan. Your responses will remain confidential and will be used by Gary to help plan for a successful future for our community.